

**April 14, 2004**

**Dillon Tribune-Examiner  
PO Box 911  
Dillon MT 59725**

**RE: Reclamation Bond Legal Notice**

**Dear Editor:**

**Please publish the following legal notice in the next issue of your newspaper:**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a request for a partial bond release for the Barretts Minerals Inc.'s (Barretts) Treasure Mine pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, 82-4-338(3), MCA on April 9, 2004.**

**The talc mine is located 15 miles northeast of Dillon, MT and is permitted under Operating Permit 00078 from DEQ. Barretts and its predecessors have mined talc in the area since the Barretts Mill was completed south of Dillon in 1955. The mine is on private and BLM land in sections 10-14, 22, and 23 in Township 7 South and Range 6 West in Madison County.**

**Barretts hauls ore from the mine to a leased ore stockpile site along the Stone Creek Road north of Dillon. Currently, there are two permitted sites located on leased private land in section 31, Township 6 South and Range 7 West in Beaverhead County. The original ore stockpile site was replaced by a new one in 2001. At the request of the landowner, Barretts is proposing to change the final land use for the old stockpile site from reclaimed rangeland to a parking**

area for the local motorcycle moto-cross racetrack. Barretts would also like the bond released.

DEQ currently holds a reclamation bond of \$45,900 for reclamation of the disturbances within the original 11.7-acre ore stockpile area. If the partial bond release is approved, the permit area would be reduced by 11.7 acres. The \$45,900 bond would be released and held by DEQ as an unobligated balance.

Information on the proposed bond release can be obtained by contacting the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, P. O. Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Patrick Plantenberg at (406) 444-4960 or e-mail at [pplantenberg@state.mt.us](mailto:pplantenberg@state.mt.us). Public comments should be submitted to the preceding address within 30 days of this publication. A final bond determination will be issued within 30 days of the close of the public comment period.

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Please attach an affidavit of publication, with an original tear sheet for the run date, to your invoice and send them to:

Department of Environmental Quality  
Environmental Management Bureau  
1520 East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
PO Box 200901  
Helena MT 59620-0901

Please charge to DEQ account number: RC # 5315, DOC # EMB 503186 .

Sincerely,

Patrick Plantenberg  
Operating Permit Section Supervisor  
Environmental Management Bureau

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